

Homeless Veterans: Inventory of Housing and Related Supportive Services in San Bernardino County

The following is an inventory of housing and related supportive services for veterans who are homeless or at-risk of becoming homeless in San Bernardino County. The list includes A) permanent housing and B) temporary housing to achieve permanent housing.

A. Permanent Housing

The list of permanent housing is divided into the following resources: a) permanent supportive housing; b) rapid rehousing; and 3) affordable housing. Each of these categories are further divided into resources provided by, or in partnership with, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and non- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs resources.

1. Permanent supportive housing

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Resources

The following is an inventory of permanent supportive housing resources provided by, or in partnership with, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs:

a. HUD-VA Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) Program

The HUD-VASH Program combines HUD Housing Choice Voucher rental assistance for homeless Veterans with case management and clinical services provided by VA at VA medical centers and community-based outreach clinics. Case Management is the heart of this program and is a requirement for participation in the HUD-VASH voucher program. VA determines clinical eligibility for the program. The Public Housing Authority (PHA) determines if the Veteran participant meets HUD's regulations for this program. The PHA will determine eligibility based on income limits. Also, the PHA will determine if any member of the household is required to maintain Lifetime Sexual Offender Registry status – those who do are not eligible to participate in this program.

Agency Name	Program Name	Beds Dedicated to Veterans		Number of Beds Dedicated to Other Populations (including Veterans)	Landlord Pet Policy
		Rapid Re-Housing	Perm. Sppt. Housing		
HUD					
Housing Authority	VASH	0	357	0	0
Totals:		0	357	0	0

Non-U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Resources

Non-U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs permanent supportive housing resources are important because not all veterans are ineligible for VA permanent supportive housing resources and services. Veterans may be ineligible for VA services due to a bad conduct discharge or because they did not meet the minimum duty requirements. In some cases access to legal services can help Veterans with a bad conduct discharge to upgrade their discharge status to become eligible for VA programs.

The following is an inventory of resources provided by other permanent supportive housing sources and providers:

a. HUD Continuum of Care Program

Under this program, permanent supportive housing means permanent housing in which supportive services are provided to assist homeless persons with a disability to live independently. Recently, however, HUD has strongly encouraged that existing and new units and beds be dedicated to chronically homeless individuals which includes chronically homeless veterans and chronically homeless families with at least one veteran.

Renewal Funding

San Bernardino has approximately 16 permanent supportive housing programs for various homeless subpopulations including veterans. These programs are eligible for renewal funding annually under the Continuum of Care Program.

Agency Name	Program Name	Number of Beds Dedicated to Veterans	Number of Beds Dedicated to Other Target Populations Including Veterans	Landlord Pet Policy
HUD				
Housing Authority	Laurelbrook	0	51	
Housing Authority	New Horizons	0	151	
Housing Authority	Gateway	0	24	
Housing Authority	Lantern Woods	0	26	
Housing Authority	Stepping Stones	0	43	
Housing Authority	Cornerstone	0	99	
Housing Authority	Whispering Pines	0	48	
Housing Authority	Good Samaritan	0	17	
Inland Temporary Homes	Inland Temporary Homes	0	30	
U.S. Veterans Initiative, Inc.	Permanent Housing of Veterans	67	0	Not Allowed
House of Prayer	Hope for Heroes I & II	44	0	Varies
Time for Change Foundation	Time For Change Foundation	0	30	
New Hope Village, Too!	New Hope Village, Too!	0	5	Not Allowed
Global One Development	Global One	0	12	Not Allowed
Totals:		111	536	

Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus

HUD will issue funds for a permanent supportive housing bonus project in 2015. Applications must target chronically homeless persons which can include veterans and include requests for case management and supportive services.

b. California Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Bond Act

Proposition 41 funding provides for the acquisition, construction, rehabilitation and preservation of affordable multifamily permanent, transitional and supportive housing for low-income and homeless veterans and intensive supportive services responsive to veterans' individual needs, such as case management, drug and alcohol counseling, health clinics, disability benefit advocacy, as well as family and childcare services. At least one-half of the funds shall be used to build supportive housing for homeless veterans.

Agency Name	Program Name	Beds Dedicated to Veterans	Number of Beds Dedicated to Other Populations (including Veterans)	Landlord Pet Policy
Proposition 41				
Liberty Lane Apartments	Veteran Housing	80	0	
Loma Linda Vets	Veteran Housing	88	0	
Totals:		168	0	

c. Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS

Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) is the only Federal program dedicated to the housing needs of people living with HIV/AIDS. Under the HOPWA Program, HUD makes grants to local communities, States, and nonprofit organizations for projects that benefit low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families. Low-income persons (at or below 80 percent of area median income) that are medically diagnosed with HIV/AIDS and their families are eligible to receive HOPWA-funded assistance with includes rental subsidies, housing placement assistance, motel vouchers and case management with appropriate supportive services.

Agency Name	Program Name	Beds Dedicated to Veterans	Number of Beds Dedicated to Other Populations (including Veterans)	Landlord Pet Policy
HOPWA				
Foothill AIDs Project	HOPWA	80	80	
Totals:		80	80	

d. California Mental Health Services Act

California Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) provides a dedicated source of funds to reduce the long term impacts of untreated serious mental illness and to expand successful, innovative, service programs for people with serious mental illness. The goal of the Mental Health Services Housing Program is to create 10,000 supportive homes. The MHSA Housing Program uses MHSA funds to finance permanent supportive housing developments for homeless people with serious mental illness including veterans.

Agency Name	Program Name	Beds Dedicated to Veterans	Number of Beds Dedicated to Other Populations (including Veterans)	Landlord Pet Policy
MHSA				
Department of Behavioral Health	Master Leasing	0	Vouchers issued on an as needed basis	Varies
Department of Behavioral Health-Master Leasing	Adult System of Care	0	46	Varies
Totals:		0	46	

2. Rapid Rehousing

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Resources

The following is an inventory of rapid rehousing resources provided by, or in partnership with, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs:

a. Supportive Services for Veteran Families

The Department of Veterans' Affairs (VA) Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Program also follows evidence-based and best practices designed to assist homeless persons and very low-income households among veterans. The VA awards grants to private nonprofit organizations and consumer cooperatives in order to provide outreach, time-limited rental assistance, case management, and assistance in obtaining VA and other benefits, which may include child care, health care, housing counseling, legal, and transportation services in order to help veterans and veteran families with obtaining and/or maintaining permanent housing.

Agency Name	Program Name	Beds Dedicated to Veterans	Number of Beds Dedicated to Other Populations (including Veterans)	Landlord Pet Policy
VA				
		Rapid Re-Housing		
Housing Authority-KEYs	SSVF	114	0	Varies
US Vets	SSVF	100	0	Varies
Totals:		214	0	

Non-U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Resources

Non-U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs rapid rehousing resources are important because not all veterans are ineligible for VA permanent supportive housing resources and services. As noted above, veterans may be ineligible for VA services due to a bad conduct discharge or because they did not meet the minimum duty requirements. In some cases access to legal services can help Veterans with a bad conduct discharge to upgrade their discharge status to become eligible for VA programs.

The following is an inventory of resources provided by other rapid rehousing sources and providers:

a. HUD Continuum of Care Program

Under this program, Rapid Re-housing is a model of housing assistance that is designed to assist the homeless, with or without disabilities, move as quickly as possible into permanent housing and achieve stability in that housing. Rapid re-housing assistance is time-limited, individualized, and flexible, and is designed to complement and enhance homeless system performance and the performance of other homeless projects. Such assistance includes short-term and medium-term rental assistance and housing relocation and stabilization services, including such activities as mediation, credit counseling, security or utility deposits, utility payments, moving cost assistance, and case management.

Agency Name	Program Name	Beds Dedicated to Veterans	Number of Beds Dedicated to Other Populations (including Veterans)	Landlord Pet Policy
HUD				
Inland Valley Hope Partners	Hope Partners' Family Stabilization Program	0	22	Varies
Inland Temporary Homes	Infinite Horizons-RRH	0	36	
Totals:		0	58	

b. Emergency Solutions Grant Program

This program is nearly identical to the HUD Continuum of Care Program and also includes short-term and medium-term rental assistance and housing relocation and stabilization services, including such activities as mediation, credit counseling, security or utility deposits, utility payments, moving cost assistance, and case management.

Agency Name	Program Name	Beds Dedicated to Veterans		Total Number of Beds Dedicated to Other Populations (including Veterans)		Landlord Pet Policy
		Rapid Re-Housing	Emergency Shelter	Rapid Re-Housing	Emergency Shelter	
County of San Bernardino-Community Development and Housing-Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)						
Catholic Charities	ESG	0	0	48	52	Varies
Community Action Partnership	ESG	0	0	48	52	Varies
Family Service Agency	ESG	0	0	130	177	Varies
Victor Valley Family Resource	ESG	0	0	0	100	Varies
High Desert Homeless Services	ESG	0	0	20	300	Varies
Central City Lutheran Mission	ESG	0	0	0	500	Varies
City of Fontana-Community Development and Housing						
Citi-Link	ESG	0	0	5	0	Varies
City of Ontario-Community Development and Housing						
Mercy House	ESG	0	0	Not Available	0	Varies
City of San Bernardino-Community Development and Housing						
Mercy House	ESG	0	0	7	0	Varies
Totals:		0	0	258	1,181	

c. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) also provides rental assistance and housing relocation and stabilization services that includes utility payments, moving costs, financial planning, legal services, and security deposits. Rental/financial assistance under TANF is limited to four months; however, services are not time-limited.

The use of TANF funds for housing is at the jurisdiction's discretion. TANF funds can be used in coordination with HUD's targeted homeless assistance grant programs – the CoC program and the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) program – to maximize the impact of both resources. For example, TANF could be used to pay for rental assistance alongside ESG funding being used to pay for supportive services to help a family remain housed.

Agency Name	Program Name	Beds Dedicated to Veterans	Number of Beds Dedicated to Other Populations (including Veterans)	Landlord Pet Policy
		Rapid Re-Housing	Rapid Re-Housing	
State of California Department of Social Services				
Housing Authority San Bernardino County -KEYs	Housing Support Program	0	350	Varies
Department of Behavioral Health and Light House Social Services	Family Stabilization Program	0	200	Varies
Totals:		0	550	

HOME (HOME Investment Partnerships Program)

HOME (HOME Investment Partnerships Program) provides housing stability and support which generally includes rental assistance and security deposits. For rental assistance, households must be at 80% AMI or below and such households must spend 30% income on rent.

HOME can be used by a public jurisdiction to create a tenant-based rental assistance program (TBRA). The program options are highly flexible, from a housing choice voucher model to a security deposit-only program. However, the cost to administer a HOME TBRA program cannot be charged as a project cost and must be paid out of the jurisdiction's administrative budget and subject to the 10% cap of HOME funds that may be spent on administrative costs.

Community Services Block Grant

Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) alleviates the causes and conditions of poverty for low income households including those who are experiencing homelessness by providing employment training and placement, and linkages with other programs such as child care, emergency services, health, nutrition, transportation, housing assistance and education.

Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County is the county's recipient of CSBG funds

Agency Name	Program Name	Beds Dedicated to Veterans		Number of Beds Dedicated to Other Populations (including Veterans)		Pet Policy
		Rental Assistance	Transitional Housing	Rental Assistance	Transitional Housing	
Community Action Partnership-San Bernardino	CSBG	0	0	<i>Rental assistance changes almost daily and is provided on a case-by-case basis.</i>	24	Varies
Totals:		0	0		24	

3. Affordable housing

a. California Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Bond Act

Proposition 41 funding provides for the acquisition, construction, rehabilitation and preservation of affordable multifamily permanent, transitional and supportive housing for low-income and homeless veterans and intensive supportive services responsive to veterans' individual needs, such as case management, drug and alcohol counseling, health clinics, disability benefit advocacy, as well as family and childcare services. At least one-half of the funds shall be used to build supportive housing for homeless veterans.

B. Temporary Housing (to achieve permanent housing)

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Resources

The following is an inventory of temporary housing programs and resources provided by, or in partnership with, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs:

1. VA Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem

Program funds go toward the provision and maintenance of transitional housing facilities and service centers for Veterans (Grant Program), as well as for the operational costs for services provided to Veterans while in transitional housing (Per Diem Program).

Agency Name	Program Name	Beds Dedicated to Veterans	# of Beds Dedicated to Other Populations (including Veterans)	Landlord Pet Policy
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs				
Life Community Development	Grant Per Diem	12	0	Not Allowed
Frazee Community Center	Grant Per Diem	13	0	Not Allowed
Totals:		25	0	

2. VA Domiciliary Care for Homeless Veterans

Domiciliary Care for Homeless Veterans is a supportive residential rehabilitation and treatment service center for Veterans experiencing homelessness. This residential rehabilitation and treatment program is for Veterans with multiple and serious medical conditions, mental illness, addiction, or psychosocial deficits. This intensive clinical care program emphasizes self-care and personal responsibility in addition to treatment programs for conditions that inhibit Veterans from exiting homelessness. It combines a wide range of programs for Veterans to solve the immediate issues of mental health and substance abuse while continuing long-term support in their transition to stability and housing independence.

3. HCHV - Safe Haven Contract Program

The HCHV - Safe Haven Contract Program will provide a gateway to VA and community supportive service for homeless Veterans eligible for VA Healthcare. The goal is to provide a secure, appropriately monitored, temporary placement for those Veterans needing emergency residential placement near the VA Loma Linda campus. Program transportation is crucial to ensure that Veterans are able to check into VA Loma Linda and return to temporary residential placement with minimal barriers. Veteran's length of stay within Safe Haven program should not exceed 180 day stay with monthly visits by VHA representative.

Currently, there are not any Safe Haven Contract Programs within the CoC. Loma Linda Veterans' Hospital has released a Request for Proposals (RFP) were due on September 1, 2015.

Non-U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Resources

The following is an inventory of temporary housing programs and resources provided by non-U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs sources:

1. HUD Continuum of Care (Transitional Housing) Program

Under this program, transitional housing facilitates the movement of homeless individuals and families into permanent housing within 24 months. The program participant must have a lease or occupancy

agreement for a term of at least one month that ends in 24 months and cannot be extended. Case management and on-site and off-site supportive services are provided.

Agency Name	Program Name	Beds Dedicated to Veterans	Number of Beds Dedicated to Other Populations (including Veterans)	Landlord Pet Policy
HUD				
Foothill Family Shelter	Transitional Housing	0	40	Not Allowed
Life Community Development	Gatekeeper1	0	15	Not Allowed
Life Community Development	Restore To Hope	0	19	Not Allowed
Salvation Army	TLC	0	48	Not Allowed
Salvation Army	Path to Prosperity	0	28	Not Allowed

2. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

The Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program (EFSP) is a Federal program administered by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and has been entrusted through the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 1987 (PL 100-77) "to supplement and expand ongoing efforts to provide shelter, food and supportive services" for hungry and homeless people across the nation.

Agency Name	Program Name	Beds Dedicated to Veterans	Number of Beds Dedicated to Other Populations (including Veterans)	Landlord Pet Policy
Inland Valley Hope Partners-Disburses funds to a variety of providers throughout the County of San Bernardino for motel vouchers and mass shelter	Emergency Food and Shelter Program	0	1,648	Not Allowed
Totals:		0	1,648	

1. State of California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation AB 109

The 2011 Realignment is funded with a dedicated portion of state sales tax revenue and Vehicle License Fees (VLF) outlined in trailer bills AB 118 and SB 89. The latter provided revenue to counties for local

public safety programs and the former established the Local Revenue Fund for counties to receive the revenues and appropriate funding for 2011 Public Safety Realignment.

Agency Name	Program Name	Beds Dedicated to Veterans	Number of Beds Dedicated to Other Populations (including Veterans)	Landlord Pet Policy
County of San Bernardino Department of Probation	AB 109	0	40	Not Allowed
Totals:		0	40	

1. First Five San Bernardino County

“No Child Left Unsheltered” program provides permanent housing for unsheltered children and their families living within San Bernardino County. Several types of housing units are available for the families who are identified as unsheltered and chronically homeless by designated referring agencies.

Agency Name	Program Name	Beds Dedicated to Veterans	Number of Beds Dedicated to Other Populations (including Veterans)	Landlord Pet Policy
Department of Behavioral Health and KEYS	No Child Left Unsheltered	0	50	Varies
Totals:		0	50	

1. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Part B of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-87) provides grants to States and U.S. Territories to improve the quality, availability, and organization of HIV/AIDS health care and support services.

Agency Name	Program Name	Beds Dedicated to Veterans	Number of Beds Dedicated to Other Populations (including Veterans)	Landlord Pet Policy
County of San Bernardino Department of Public Health	Ryan White Part A- Emergency Shelter	0	452	Not Allowed
Totals:		0	452	

1. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Entitlement Communities

The CDBG entitlement program allocates annual grants to larger cities and urban counties to develop viable communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and opportunities to expand economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons.

Agency Name	Program Name	Beds Dedicated to Veterans	Number of Beds Dedicated to Other Populations (including Veterans)	Landlord Pet Policy
SB County-CDH				
Barstow				
New Hope Village	CDBG	0	20	Not Allowed
Loma Linda				
Inland Temp. Homes	CDBG	0	12	Varies
Redlands				
Inland Temp. Homes	CDBG	0	12	Varies
Apple Valley				
High Desert Homeless Services	CDBG	0	50	Varies
Family Assistance program	CDBG	0	4	Varies
Chino				
House of Ruth	CDBG	0	125	Varies
Chino Hills				
House of Ruth	CDBG	0	255	Varies
Hesperia				
Family Assistance Program	CDBG	0	150	Varies
Rancho Cucamonga				
House of Ruth	CDBG	0	200	Varies
Foothill Family Shelter	CDBG	0	265	Not Allowed

Agency Name	Program Name	Beds Dedicated to Veterans	Number of Beds Dedicated to Other Populations (including Veterans)	Pet Policy
San Bernardino				
Access Center	CDBG	0	908	Not allowed
Time For Change Foundation	CDBG	0	220	
Victorville				
Victor Valley Domestic Violence	CDBG	0	Not listed	Not allowed
Totals:		0	2,221	

1. Total Number of Dedicated Veterans Beds and Beds Dedicated to other Populations in San Bernardino County

Total Number of Permanent Beds Dedicated to Veterans	Total Number of Transitional Shelter Beds Dedicated to Veterans	Total Number of Permanent Beds Dedicated to other Populations	Total Number of Transitional Shelter Beds Dedicated to other Populations
850	25	2,156	4,561

Non-Residential VA Programs

VA Healthcare for Homeless Veterans (HCHV)

The primary mission of HCHV is to connect Veterans experiencing homelessness to needed health care and social service programs via extensive outreach, administered through VA medical centers.

VA Veterans Benefits Assistance Outreach Program

Veterans Benefits Assistance Homeless Veterans Outreach Coordinators provide VA benefits access and information through outreach efforts to Veterans who are homeless and Veterans at-risk of homelessness.

VA Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program (HVRP)

HVRP is the only federal program that works specifically on employment issues for Veterans experiencing homelessness while using a client-centered case management model to connect Veterans with other social services and benefits.

VA Veterans' Workforce Investment Program

This program provides funds to assist Veterans experiencing homelessness in gaining meaningful employment through client-centered case management, including job counseling, training, and placement assistance.

VA Incarcerated Veterans' Transition Program

This program provides case management and employment counseling services to Veterans who have been incarcerated or are soon to be transitioning out of incarceration and are at risk of becoming homeless. Program activities address housing, healthcare, job readiness, job training and accessing mainstream benefits. Grantees work with participating state and local jails in "inreach" activities to identify individuals who will be leaving the institution and implement proper discharge planning and counsel individuals prior to their release.

Women Veterans Health Care Program

The Women Veterans Health Care program has provided focused care for women Veterans in a safe environment that aims to raise the standard of women's health care. By focusing on primary care, reproductive health, and other health issues unique to women, VA seeks to provide the care that helps keep our women Veterans healthy and in a position to live fruitful lives. Women Veterans need not worry about their specific health issues not being accommodated by VA.

VA Mental Health for Women Veterans

VA recognizes that women Veterans experience their military service in different ways than men and also deal with unique mental health conditions. Because of this, VA provides specialized services to help women work through conditions such as PTSD or Military Sexual Trauma.